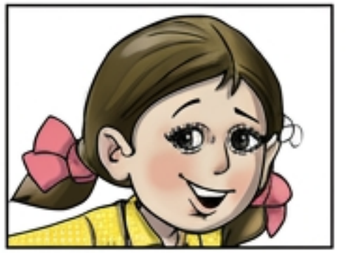

The Missing Smile (Awe no tin smile)

An Interactive Connect-the-Dots Storybook

Based on the original Papiamento story. Use the color photo in the top right corner as your guide to connect the dots!

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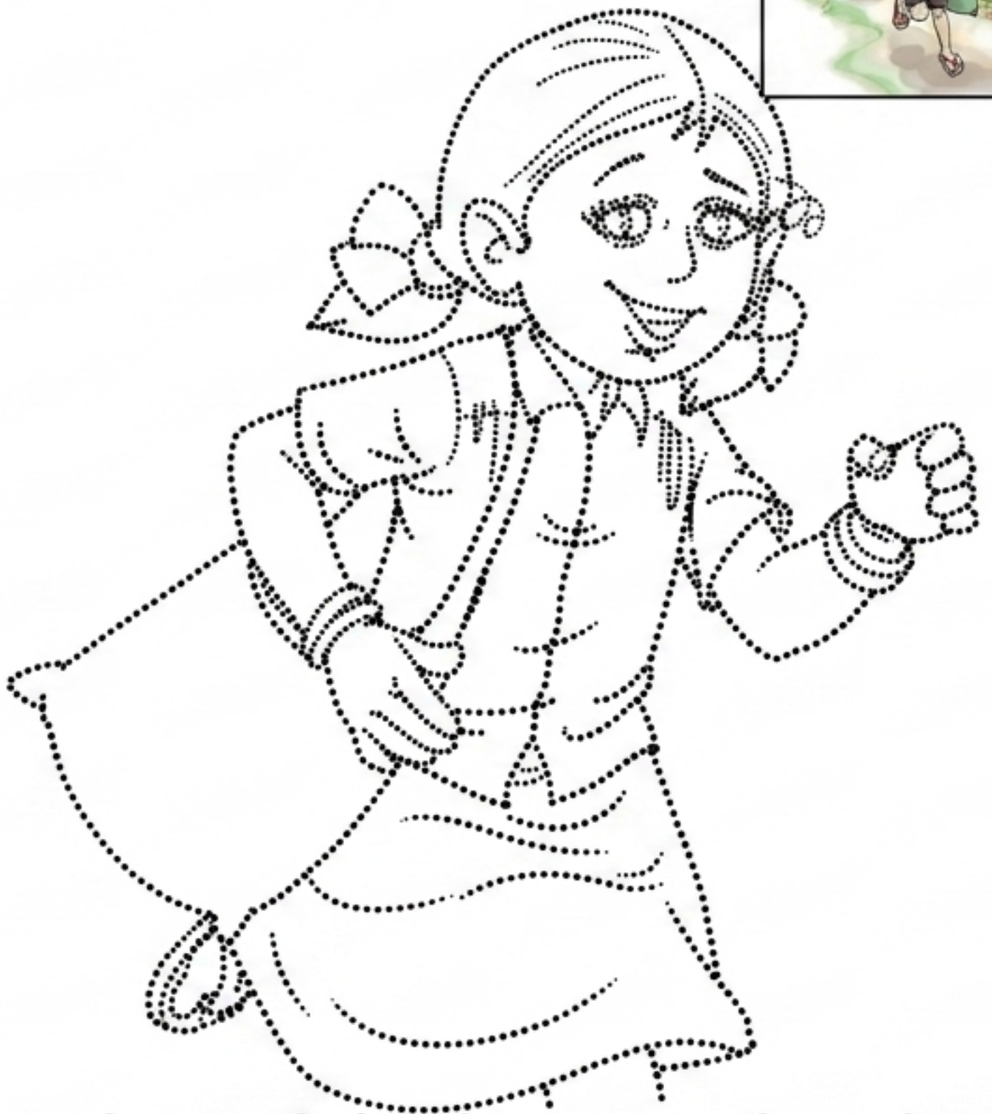

Shanti and Arun were best friends. They shared secrets in class, raced each other on the way home, and had a lot of fun together. Shanti was always a very happy gi

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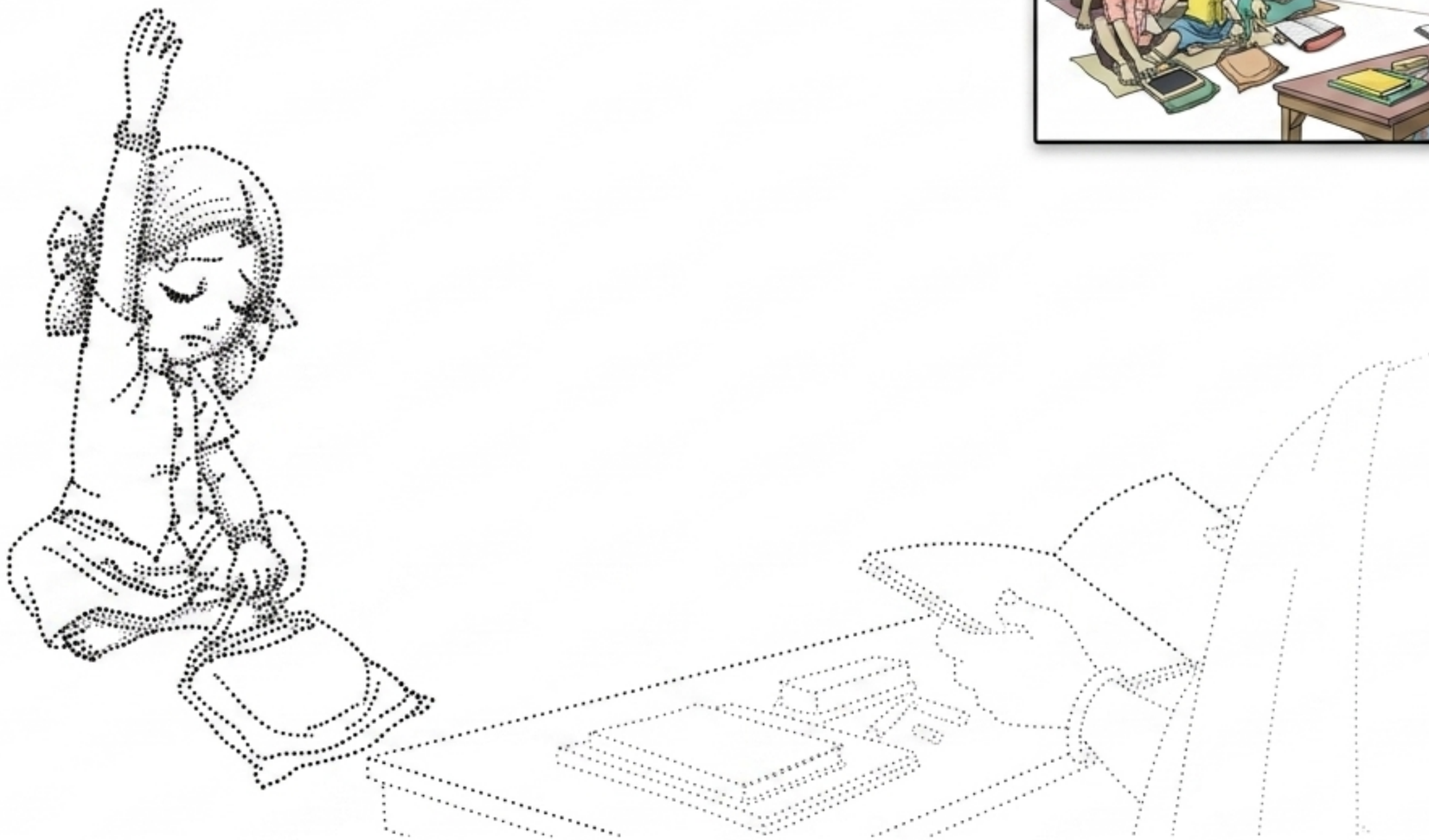

One day, Shanti walked into class very slowly with her head down. When Teacher Sona called her name, she didn't answer 'Present!' She only silently raised her hand.

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‘Do you have a sore throat? Do you feel okay?’ asked Teacher Sona, feeling her forehead.
Shanti’s cheeks were red, but she just shook her head ‘no’ without daring to look up.

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Her friends were worried. “Is your little brother okay? Is your dog okay? Is your grandmother okay?” Shanti kept nodding ‘yes’ to everyone, but she still hid her face.

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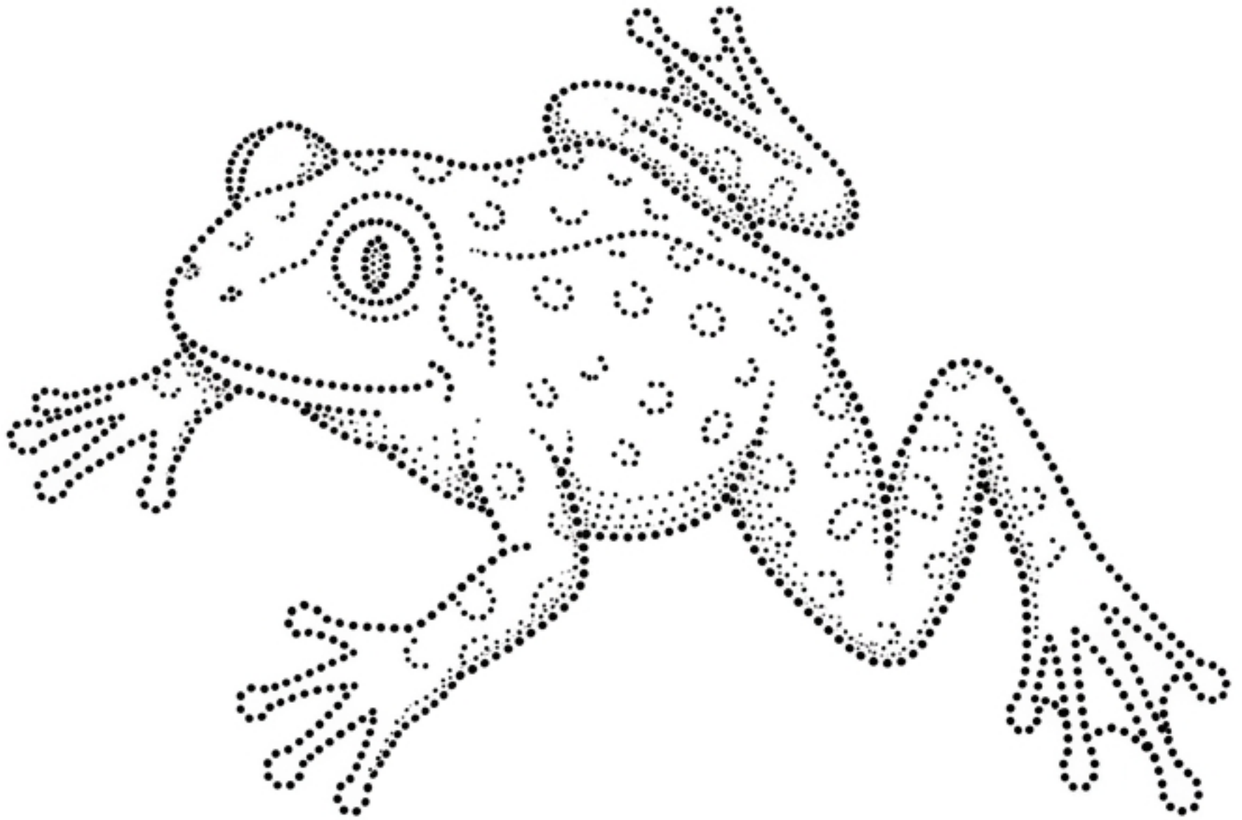

Arun wanted to make Shanti smile, so he tried to show her a surprise. But it slipped from his hands! Shanti saw something flying toward her and quickly caught it.

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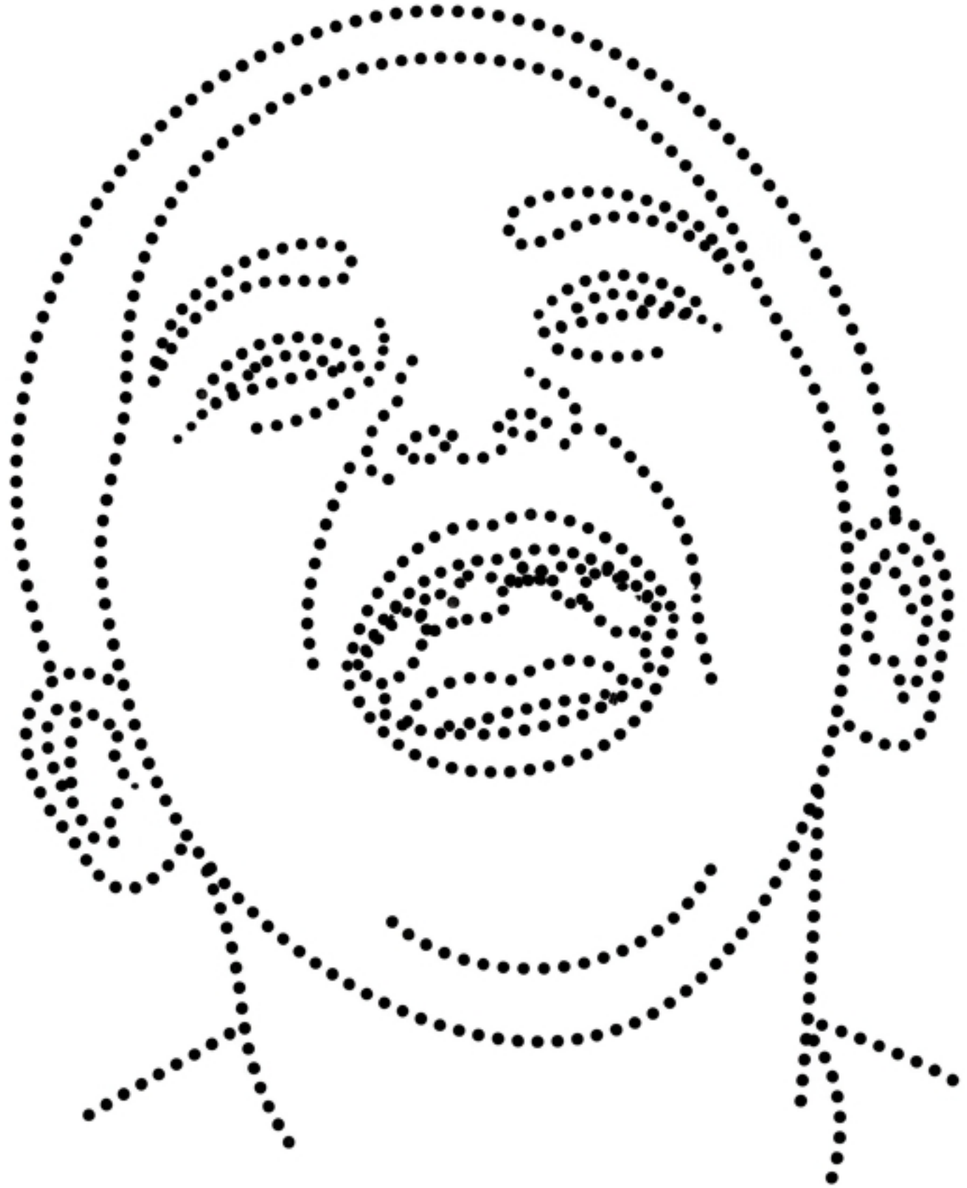

It was a BIG green rubber frog! Shanti's eyes opened wide, and she burst out laughing. At that moment, everyone finally saw why she had been hiding: she was missing four of her front teeth!

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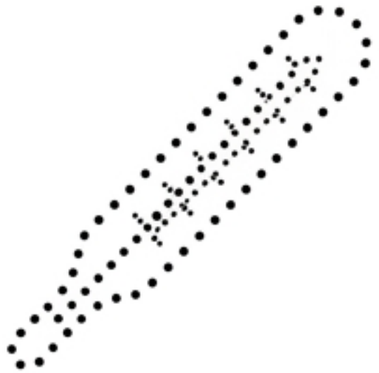
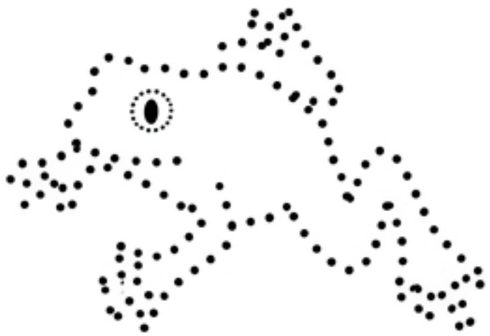
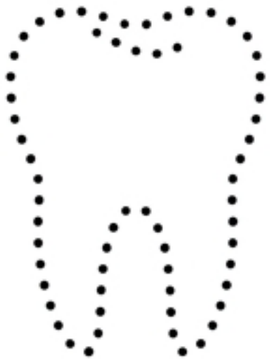


False Clue: Sickness

False Clue: Sad Family



The Solution



The Truth

The Mystery Decoder: Look back at the story! Connect the dots to reveal the false clues people guessed, and the real reason Shanti was hiding her smile.

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